Respiratory Journals Impact factor 2008

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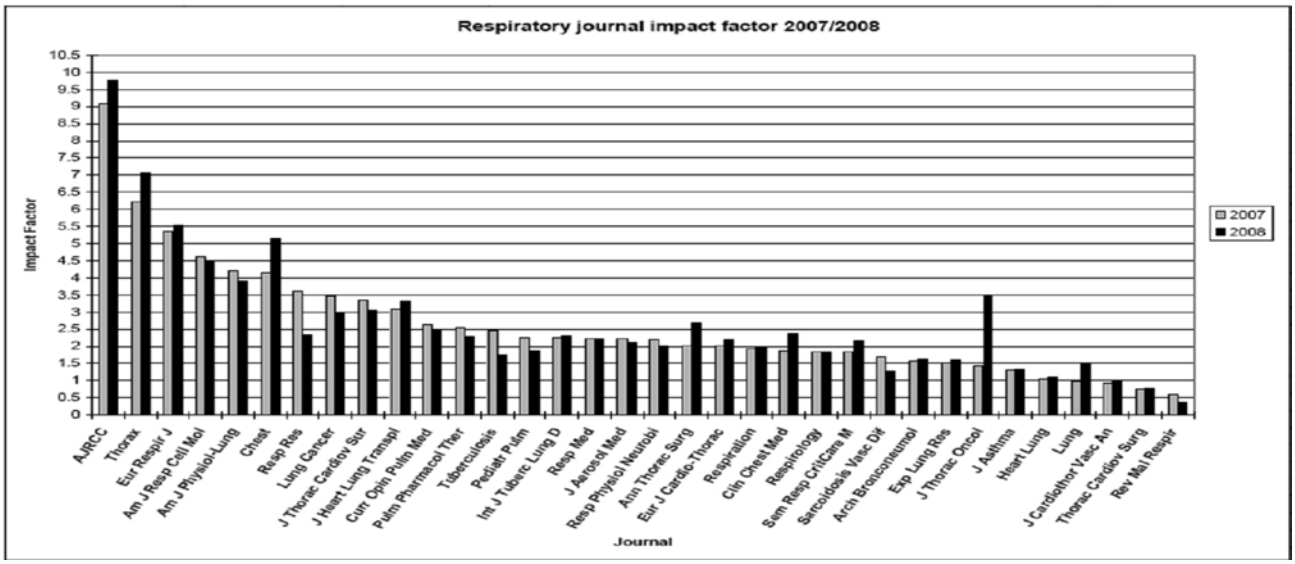
WHAT IS IMPACT FACTOR?

Impact Factor is one of the quantitative tools for ranking, evaluating, categorizing, and comparing journals. It is a measure of the frequency with which the "average article" in a journal has been cited in a particular year. The annual impact factor is a ratio between citations and recent citable items published. Thus, the impact factor of a journal is calculated by dividing the number of current year citations to the source items published in that journal during the previous two years.

CALCULATION FOR JOURNAL IMPACT FACTOR.

A= total cites in 2008
B= 2008 cites to articles published in 2006-2007 (this is a subset of A)
C= number of articles published in 2006-2007
D= B/C = 2008 impact factor

The impact factor is a very useful tool for evaluation of journals, but it must be used discreetly. Considerations include the amount of review or other types of material published in a journal, variations between disciplines, and item-by-item impact.

The major respiratory journals impact factor for 2008 is shown in the table [journals citation index, ISI].

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